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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT SQUEEZED BETWEEN FOOD PRICE INCREASES
SHORTAGES

CARACAS CONSUMERS ARE EXPERIENCING SHORTAGES OF MEAT, POTATOES,
MILK AND WATER DUE TO COMBINED FACTOS OF PROLONGED SUMMER
DROUGHT, RELUCTANCE OF PRODUCERS TO DELIVER PRODUCTS AT
GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRICES, AND ACTUAL PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS.
AS SUBSTITUTE FOODS ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE THE SHORTAGES ARE
CHIEFLY IMPORTANT AS POLITICAL FACTOR. GOVERNMENT REALIZES
THAT INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING WOULD BE MAJOR DETRIMENT IN
DECEMBER ELECTIONS AND IS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO
PREVENT MARKED PRICE INCREASES, MAINLY BY ARRANGING FOR
IMPORTATION OF BEEF CATTLE AND POWDERED MILK.
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